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Military Information from Halle

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. During the period from 3 to 15 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee in Halle was only partially occupied by 150 to 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. A craftsman living near the installation stated that numerous JS tanks entered the installation on the afternoon of 4 August. A soldier stated in a store near the barracks installation on 5 August that his commanding officer was in Lossa at that time, and therefore the troops took this opportunity to have good time. The wife of an employee of the Soviet Occupation Forces who was stationed at the Lossa (N 52/J 59) troop training grounds with the troops, stated that the troops were scheduled to remain there until late September. In the evening of 5 August, the surface of the road near the installation was damaged by the movement of tanks. Only a few windows were lighted at dusk on 15 August.

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2. During the period from 3 to 11 August, the Reil Kaserne on Reilstrasse was occupied by a small unit of soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Fifty soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets with and without rifles left the installation toward the town

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3. During the period from 7 to 14 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee was only lightly occupied. About 500 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets had been in the installation on 1 August. JS-3 tanks were seen at the installation. on 7 August, 4 JS-3 tanks and 2 T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward the railroad station. on 9 August, 2 T-34/85 tanks towed two other T-34/85 tanks into the installation. Source heard noise of engines and believed the installation had a tank repair shop. Small groups totaling about 20 soldiers practiced with small arms at the airfield. Craftsmen stated that about 100 teletype sets had to be installed in the installation not later than 1 September.

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4. During the period from 4 to 12 August, the Flak Kaserne in Woermlitz was occupied by about 150 to 200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No motor vehicle traffic or training activity was noticed. Craftsmen stated that the installations and garages were being reconditioned. *

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* [] Comment. The information on Soviet troops in Halle as well as the information furnished on Lossa [] confirms that the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Div is still at the Lossa training grounds. The Luftnachrichten Kaserne has repeatedly been reported to have quartered 500 men since early July. []

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